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MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION STATE OF MONTANA

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NEW CHIEF APPELLATE DEFENDER ANNOUNCED

Wade Zolynski was selected by the Public Defender Commission to serve as the next Chief Appellate Defender of the statewide Office of the State Public Defender on May 15, 2012.

Mr. Zolynski is a Butte native with a passion for public defense. Following graduation from the University of Montana School of Law in 2001, he worked in the Missoula County public defender office, and at the Louisville (Kentucky) Metro Public Defender Corporation. He then moved to New York City and was employed at two national legal consulting firms where he successfully managed as many as 120 attorneys and support staff.

Mr. Zolynski returned to Montana and to public defense in 2011, working at the Butte Public Defender Office, and most recently, as an Assistant Appellate Defender. The Commission looks forward to working with Mr. Zolynski in his new role, which he will begin immediately.